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Information on Seven Cuban Internal Resistance Groups

Information provided us by our internal assets and Cuban ex-filtrees indicate that seven groups opposing Castro are making efforts to consolidate into one unified resistance. A brief description of the groups follows:

a. Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionario (MRR): The primary strength of this group lies in the Havana area, the Santa Clara area, and certain areas of Pinar del Rio. Its militant membership numbers 175. Communication with this group is maintained through one W/T circuit and SW communications. The leader of this group, one OMAR, is presently in the United States and is about to return to Cuba. In his absence, ESTEBAN is the acting leader. Although in the past we provided this group with equipment, money, radio operators and trained specialists, we have recently only been able to get 1500 pounds of material into them. However, we are presently attempting to infiltrate two radio sets to this group and backstopping their procurement of operational funds locally through deposits made to donor accounts in the United States. This group gives the most promise for effective operations and has a potential for sabotage, propaganda and intelligence activity. Externally, the principal representatives are Rafael Aurelio QUINTERO (the OMAR) and Juan Manuel GUILLOT. The MRRL faction of the original MRR contains as external leaders Ricardo LORIE and Eino DIAZ.

b. Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP): The primary strength of this group lies in the Havana and Las Villas areas. Its militant membership is approximately 150. We no longer have W/T Communications, but must rely on couriers for communication with this group. The group is not yet reorganized internally to an extent sufficient to involve itself in operations of note. The group's representative has recently come to the United States, and the current internal leader is one ANTONIO. Manolo Ray was formerly the external representative of this group. Externally its principal representatives are Rogelio CISNEROS, Ignacio MENDOZA, and Marcos WILLIAMS. Ray and his former chief associates Col. Barquin, Pazos, Chibas are not closely associated with the present active elements of one MRP with whom we are in contact.

c. Unidad Revolucionaria (UR): This group is composed of some thirty small factions with the primary strength resident in the provinces of Oriente, Matanzas, Havana, and Pinar del Rio with the possibility of some few people remaining in the Escambray Mountains of Las Villas. We no longer have W/T communications with this group; the former radio operator was captured. In August of 1961, of its leaders, CESAR was reported to be captured and JUSTO took asylum and is presently in the United States. Present internal leadership is RICARDO. Communications with this internal group will have to be re-established via the use of a courier as soon as feasible. Externally

its principal representatives are Alberto FERNANDEZ Echavarria, Andres Zayas, and Cesar Brito.

d. Movimiento Democratico Cristiano (MDC): The primary strength of this group resides in the Oriente and Matanzas areas, although they have some representation in Havana and Pinar de Rio provinces. This group employs sound security practices in its activity to a greater degree than any of the other opposition elements in Cuba. The former group leader Lucas FERNANDEZ Badue is presently in the United States; the current internal leader is Albarto del JUNCO MESA. Contact is maintained with this group via SW means. Although its activity has been limited, this element has the potential for the conduct of resistance, sabotage and intelligence activities. The MDC is a Catholic labor organization numbering approximately 100 members within Cuba. FERNANDEZ, their present external coordinator, is currently undergoing training. The former external leader of the MDC was Jose Ignacio RASCO.

e. 30th of November Group: This is a small labor group numbering approximately fifty. The organizer of this group, one DAVID SALVADOR, has been in prison in Havana for some time. The current internal leader is one BENITO. We have courier communications with this element which is believed to have a good potential for sabotage operations. Externally, the leadership of this group is in doubt.

where three individuals are competing for control: JESUS FERNANDEZ, CARLOS RODRIGUEZ QUESADA, and ANDRES CARRILLO MENDOZA.

f. Rescate Democratico Revolucionario (RDR): One of the groups forming the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FRD) and the subsequent Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC). They are believed to number twenty-five, and have a limited capability for paramilitary and propaganda activities. The only communications existent with this group is by means of courier. The true external representation of this group is somewhat confused since ALBERTO CRUZ, exfiltrated by the CNR to represent the element, was replaced by MENDEZ PEREZ at the direction of ANTONIO VARONA of the FRD in Miami. VARONA is the titular head of the Rescate.

g. Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantel (DRE): This student group, which engages in hemispheric propaganda activity from Miami under Agency direction, also retains strength inside even though its former leaders have been captured and imprisoned. In view of the Latin student's traditional characteristic of resistance to state controls we expect that the DRE can revive quite a few assets for action inside. Its external leadership is presently Manuel SALVAT Roque.

Representatives of these groups say they have formed a National Revolutionary Council (CNR) in Cuba, and many of their representatives have insisted they owe no allegiance to any exile organizations.

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apparently referring to their own external groups, or to The Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC). This attempt to form an internal merger has created considerable confusion in the organizations involved. Our best estimates of the groups' strength is that they could muster 600 - 700 action agents throughout the island.

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I. WELL CONCEIVED

- A. Non-political Group -- Infiltrate seven men. Recruit, develop and organize resistance, intelligence nets, etc. Underway by mid-November.
- B. Same non-political Group -- Team as above, infiltrate five, operation will be underway subject to weather conditions.
- C. MRR -- Infiltration operation. Deliver 350 pounds demolition. Infiltrate political leader, exfiltrate two others. Underway subject to weather conditions.
- D. ☒ UR -- Team composed of internal leader of group plus intelligence coordinator to be infiltrated by 1 December.
- E. Independent group headed by EVELIO DUQUE -- Train five men for group 15th November. Training of operator will proceed currently. First three men of this group will go into Sierra Cristal on or about 20 December.
- F. Another independent group claims contact with OSVALDO RAMIREZ in Escambray, who desires support. We have given guidelines for operations. Claims has 8-10 men with training and have infiltrated general staff.
- G. MRP -- Intend get four people of this group inside by 15 December.
- H. AMGAZERs - Ex MRR - Man with experience along Camaguey coast has feasible plan for establishing mangrove caching facility.

Above is sampling of operations in this category. All above have training W/T, other support facilities, provided or closely supervised by CIA.

II. POORLY CONCEIVED BUT HARMLESS

- A. Rescate -- This group proposed to put in a team to establish contact with internal assets. Group without communications to inside and have operators who refuse to go in blind.
- B. MRP -- Good intentions but their direct proposals, as opposed to those under our direct supervision, repeatedly turned down by us because of bad hosts, no W/T, etc.
- C. MDC -- Good plans, good intentions, ^{almost} all assets outside, lack militant group inside.

III. POORLY CONCEIVED BUT LETHAL

- A. ORLANDO SPUTO -- Proposed to harass a CTC rally in Cuauqueito Stadium in Miramar tonight by firing 75 mm high-explosives into stadium from off shore. Told him no dice.
- B. DRE -- Plan to assault BONIATO prison. No specifics. Would be of general interest only under plan of overall liberation.
- C. White Cross -- Anarchistic approach. ^{under} Prepare to take any smash and grab operation. High risk factor, high losses.

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Movimiento de Recuperación Revolucionaria - MRR

1. RICARDO - reflected in WAVE 948
2. WAVE 8947 which is scheduled for 15th.
3. WAVE 8987 - operation BRAZIL
4. Operation VILLA AMOUR - WAVE 8937

With this group we are planning operations for Pinar, Matanzas and Las Villas within next six weeks. Leaders of this group ~~AMJAVIA-4~~ AMJAVA-4 and BAZARO will be infiltrated within next six weeks. We are training ~~three~~ three radio operators for this group plus two instructors weapons and sabotage. This training will begin by the first of December.

30th of November Group

This covered in WAVE 8743 should all take place by 30th of November. Following that the group will continue in organization and operations. Training of personnel is the same for this group as previous group and applies to all groups.

Unidad Revolucionaria

Plan establishment of three mangrove caching stations. WAVE 8855. Stations will be placed on off-shore coves and receive supplies whenever weather permits. Weather turning bad so must be able to send boats when weather good without requirement for reception committee set up. First one in Camaguey by first of December. Training applies to this group also same as previous. UR boat is Tejana has a 4,000 mile capability and can be made operational within one month. Will give a long range boat with characteristics and speed we need. We feel we should

to shoot and fix this boat. This group has not joined the CRC.

Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo - MRP

These people are lagging behind other groups. We don't have a qualified literary type to deal with. We are dealing through _____.

We intend to get four people of their's by 15th of December. We did support any operation where our requirements re reception points etc. would permit. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ We turned them down last week because they had a bad boat.

Escorte

This group proposed to put in a team to establish contact with internal assets. Group without communications to inside and have operators who refuse to go in blind. This group has not been effective since AMDIP-3 left. This operation could go within six weeks if we had case officer time.

AMHARE Group

WAVE 8639 - Following this we are planning one in the Santa Clara region - copper in the there extreme west end of Island. Critical communications.

Independent Evalio DUQUE

Train five men for group 15th November. Training of operator will proceed currently. Interested in GW and revise plans to meet present policy requirements. First three men of this group into Sierra Cristal on or about 20 December.

FI Operations

Four operations were submitted by the AMOTS -- COCHISE, APACHE, GERANIMO and one additional without name. First three are all in progress and will be implemented within six weeks. Fourth plan is being studied and can also be implemented within six weeks. CHOCHESE is operations where team going in North coast and they are to set up the dispatch and reception points. Hqs. has details for COCHISE, APACHE, AND GERANIMO. The pending operation which can go in six weeks is a team of about three people and they will go in 45 miles east of the CHOCHESE point.

Propaganda

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Sabotage plan submitted by the FORD on the RAY's radio station sent up north already. Sent one man in MISC AMICE-10 for collection of the necessary information on the area. Plan still in effect.

Plan submitted by the DRE - Assault BOMATO prison.. Only considered as possible within general plan of overall liberation but still under consideration.

Not implemented.

Plan for support of clandestine guerrilla forces in volume within the area submitted North. WAVE had no indication from up north re approval or not.

Plan which was set up for the defection of three naval units of Santiago de Cuba with main objective of continued action along coast before retreating to neutral port submitted to DRE have not considered it and have not sent up north. Considered it feasible in general terms, but can start over again in not in six weeks. Have to look into it more thoroughly.

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All of these people we are planning general sabotage missions - attack electric power, communication, transportation and material delivery equipment wherever and whenever possible. All are being trained along these lines.

Maritime

Motor vessel XI YILARO next six weeks this vessel will begin with unit commercial training. After at least one cover voyage used operationally. Can be used with other vessels to supply long range craft. Very slow and we use cautiously. We don't have vessel capability for reaching south coast. TEJANA could do this within four weeks. Processing purchase of boat from other side. (Referring to Scotland).

WST Team

Team of four people presently capable of maritime recon and operations.

Communications

Presently have six people in training two people will become instructors and four operational operators. Will have three radios in three weeks, one in three months. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

For the future we have 13 candidates all of them have had some training. As others move out they will be moved in. Spotted 7 basic candidates primarily from these groups. With our present staff capable of training six people at one time observing compartmentation. With additional indigenous instructors 10 at any one time with observing compartmentation.

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... (log proposals have not received by PM and we haven't looked into it because of shortage of staff. From AMWOD-1, MRC US, AMWOD-1, MRC to priority: Rescue, MRC and CFC.

... groups have come to us offering us boats. There are various boats but they are inexperienced although they are motivated.

... than 5% of these independent operations are successful. They will send their boats out in any weather and then want us to pay for repairs. Security problem of loading boats. It is in the realm of possibility they would be supported in future, but not until capable crews and good boats.

AMWOD-1 Next tentative operation proposed by AMWOD-1 - Five to six fishermen who have boats here (Miami), Cuban vessels, which can go in and out. We are investigating this. We have run one operation with this group. It looks good and we are going to develop.

Another independent, AMWOD-1, he has contact with OSVALDO RAMIREZ in Sancti Spiritus who desires support. We have given him guidelines for operations. Claims he has 8-10 men with training and have infiltrated general staff people. We are trying to bring him back to group from which he came.

GARCIA BRITO - This group has trained radio operators here and forty men in Las Villas. Question of time and lack of communications with internal assets.

Proposal by [redacted], former AMBACER, wonderful man, experienced along Camagüey coast. Good idea on establishment of mangrove tracking facility, similar to proposal of UR. They are good group so we're looking into use his know how.

20th of May Group - Have made request for support. Offshoot of 20th of November Group. As a splinter of this group, being advised to rejoin their parent group. Exploring possibility of supporting them if they cannot rejoin parent. Their plans come to us through AMCLATTER-1.

MIRC - Requests are same as from other groups, and this is splinter of MRR. We have told them to rejoin parent and provide them general guidelines.

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Independent group of canoe trainers - 40 men and supplies and transportation to Oriente. No communications and willing to sacrifice themselves in GW. Given guidelines to forget about GW and get resistance plan. Their spokesman is Fred Gontie.

Independent Group of JUAN MESA - formerly of MOC. Generally collected about four independent boats which he operates as coordinator. Running rescue operations and wants support. For instance, wants support operation to infiltrate eight children from west coast. Seeking support for an Oriente infiltration team headed by PEDRO LOPEZ and 13 men. Turned him down. DON'T Don't have capability to deliver.

Independent sub group headed by ALDO VERA SERAFIN wants training and support of formal sub group. Claims he will hit targets in Havana area. We have not even talked to him on basis of poor CI background. Spokesman is Conte Aguero.

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Independent sub group of OSCAR DIAZ wants/has previous group. Claim they can hit targets throughout Cuba. Also associated with Conte Aguero. WAVE experience with this man is such that we don't look kindly on this request. As member of FDR military he made things difficult.

Independent group - JULIAN DIAZ FERNANDEZ - Claims to have 300 constitutional army men inside. Radio out here. Willing to go back. WAVE exploring this. Will try to tie him to another group, but if unsuccessful and find his claims valid plan to support him.

ORLANDO SOUTO - proposes to harass a CTC rally in Quasquito Stadium in Miramar tonight by firing 75 mm high-explosive shells into stadium from off shore. Told him no dice.

In addition, the CRC plan at Headquarters hand carried by Bob Davis and given to Whodas should be included in report. We would like to have it back soon.

One other operation - AMRANTY-J - This man has 300 people in Pinar del Rio. He is being trained and should go back in December